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Impetus to Textile and Handicrafts Industries
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken by the Government to give impetus to textile industry in the country;

(b) whether the production of handicrafts has increased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is making efforts to sharpen the skills of weavers and craftsmen and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) In order to give impetus to textile industry in the country Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and schemes such as the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Scheme for Development of Technical Textiles, Schemes for the Development of the Powerloom Sector, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS), Schemes for Development of Silk and Sericulture sectors, National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme(CHCDS), Yarn supply Scheme, National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP), North East Region Textiles Promotion Scheme (NERTPS), etc. Last year, Government of India had notified the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS) for technology upgradation in the textiles sectors. Government is also implementing PowerTex India, a comprehensive scheme for Powerloom Sector Development. Further, the Government had approved a special package for textile sector with an outlay of Rs. 6000 crore to boost employment generation and exports particularly in Garmenting and Made-ups.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam; The production of handicrafts products has recorded a 8% to 9.5% growth during the last three years as indicated below:-
(Rs. In Crores)

Years	Production value
2014-15	Rs.38249
2015-16	Rs.41418
2016-17	Rs.45357

(d): With a view to sharpen the skills of weavers and craftsmen in Handloom sector, training is provided to weavers/workers for upgrading their skill in weaving, dyeing/printing and designing under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme(CHCDS). So far, 46000 handloom weavers across the country have been given technical training since 2015-16 till date. In the Handicrafts Sector, training is provided for developing skills of artisans under Human Resource Development and Design and Technology Development Scheme. So far, 47625 numbers of workers have been trained during the last three years.

In addition, government has been implementing Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS). So far, approximately 10.09 lakh persons have been trained throughout the country under ISDS.
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